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H.B. No. 2140

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating an electronic application system for state student financial assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.07762 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.07762. APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID. (a) The board shall adopt procedures to allow a person to complete and submit the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) or a similar application for state student financial assistance by electronic submission through the board's Internet website.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the board shall continuously maintain an online database of institutions of higher education to which state student financial assistance may be applied.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply beginning with applications for state student financial assistance submitted for the 2020-2021 academic year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.